# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	Re: Docket No. 165
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
BOUCHARD TRANSPORTATION CO., INC., et al.,1	) Case No. 20-34682 (DRJ)
In re:	) Chapter 11

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MATTHEW RAY IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (A) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF PORTAGE POINT PARTNERS, LLC AS RESTRUCTURING ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE, (B) DESIGNATING MATTHEW RAY AS CHIEF RESTRUCTURING OFFICER, AND (C) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

- I, Matthew Ray, being duly sworn, hereby state as follows:
- 1. I am a Founder and Managing Partner of Portage Point Partners, LLC ("Portage Point"), a consulting firm that has significant experience in providing financial advisory services both in- and out-of-court, and enjoys an excellent reputation for services it has rendered on behalf of debtors and creditors throughout the United States.
- 2. On October 27, 2020, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (A) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Portage Point Partners, LLC as Restructuring Advisor to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date, (B) Designating Matthew Ray as Chief Restructuring Officer, and (C) Granting Related Relief (the

Due to the large number of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, a complete list of the Debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <a href="https://cases.stretto.com/bouchard">https://cases.stretto.com/bouchard</a>. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 58 South Service Road, Suite 150, Melville, NY 11747.

"Application")<sup>2</sup> [Docket No. 165]. In support of the Application, the Debtors filed the *Declaration* of Matthew Ray in Support of Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (A) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Portage Point Partners, LLC as Restructuring Advisor to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date, (B) Designating Matthew Ray as Chief Restructuring Officer, and (C) Granting Related Relief, which was attached to the Application as Exhibit B [Docket No. 165, Ex. B] (the "Original Declaration"). On November 23, 2020, the Court entered the Order (A) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Portage Point Partners, LLC as Restructuring Advisor to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date, (B) Designating Matthew Ray as Chief Restructuring Officer, and (C) Granting Related Relief (the "Retention Order") [Docket No. 243].

3. In connection with the Application, the Retention Order, and the Original Declaration, I submit this supplemental declaration (the "Supplemental Declaration") to provide additional disclosures as required under Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016.<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise stated in this Supplemental Declaration, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.

# Portage Point's Disinterestedness

4. In connection with its retention by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, Portage Point undertook a robust review to determine whether it had any conflicts or other relationships that might cause it not to be disinterested or to hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors. Specifically, Portage Point obtained from the Debtors and/or their representatives the names of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein will have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certain of the disclosures herein relate to matters within the personal knowledge of other professionals at Portage Point and are based on information provided by them.

individuals and entities that may be parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Potential</u> Parties in Interest").

- 5. Portage Point performed a robust search of present and former clients of Portage Point for connections to the Potential Parties in Interest in these chapter 11 cases, and certain connections were disclosed in the Original Declaration. Portage Point has been informed of certain additional Potential Parties in Interest to these chapter 11 cases. Such parties are listed on **Schedule 1** attached hereto.
- 6. Based on a review of the Potential Parties in Interest listed on <u>Schedule 1</u>, Portage Point represents that, to the best of its knowledge, Portage Point knows of no fact or situation that would represent a conflict of interest for Portage Point with regard to the Debtors. Given this, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, Portage Point neither holds nor represents any interest adverse to the Debtors' estates and remains a disinterested party. Further, all disclosures made in the Original Declaration pertaining to Portage Point's conflict check process and relationships with parties in interest are incorporated herein by reference and are fully applicable to the parties listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> hereto.
- 7. On March 30, 2021, I purchased a residential home located in the state of Michigan from Ryan Blaine Bennett, one of the lead attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis LLP, the firm retained as counsel to the Debtors (the "Michigan Transaction"). The Michigan Transaction was conducted at arm's length and unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- 8. If Portage Point discovers additional information that requires disclosure, Portage Point will promptly file a supplemental disclosure with this Court as required by Bankruptcy Rule 2014. Portage Point reserves the right to supplement this Declaration in the event that Portage

Point discovers any facts bearing on matters described in this Supplemental Declaration regarding Portage Point's employment by the Debtors.

Dated: April 12, 2021 Houston, Texas

/s/ Matthew Ray

Matthew Ray
Founder and Managing Partner
Portage Point Partners, LLC

# Schedule 1

**List of Potential Parties in Interest** 

#### **Lenders & Lienholders**

JMB Capital Partners

#### Other Parties

**Gulf Marine Repair** Babson, Bryce Bailey, Christopher

Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund LP

Dunham, Robert Hall, Roger

Houston NFL Holdings LP Paulsboro Refining Co. LLC

Peaslee, Justin Roberts, Lonnie T&T Offshore Inc.

Yellow Fin Marine Consulting LLC

**ABS Nautical Systems LLC** 

ADP Inc. Aetna Inc. Airweld Inc.

American Express Co. Answering Service Care Avondale Marine LLC

Badke, John Benic. Boric Bizzuka

**Boeing Digital Solutions** Chevron Leesville De Girolamo, Mary

Delaware River Harbor Pilots

Didier, Gerard **DNV GL AS** DNV GL USA Inc. ExcelAire LLC ExxonMobil E-Z Pass Faller, Paul

Federal Insurance Co.

FedEx Corp. FM:Systems Inc. Gawrych, Michael GKG Law PC

**Gulf Marine Warehouse** 

Hall, Roger

Harbor Pilots of NY NJ LLC

Hauser, Jeffrey Hobe Sound Golf Club Hutchison, John A. ISR Swim Angels

Jerry's Car Care Center Inc.

K&L Gates LLP

Lafayette, Parish of (LA), Tax Collector

Loetterle, Richard

Marine Towing of Tampa LLC

Martin Midstream GP Martin Midstream GP LLC

Medalist Corp. MG Auto Center Inc.

National Vision Administrators LLC

Nautical Chart Supply Inc. **Nextlevel Information Solutions** 

NJ E-Z Pass

Northwest Registered Agent Inc.

Optimum 7801Cable Pm Piccolo Restaurant LLC

Pilots' Association for the Bay & River Delaware,

The

Podell Schwartz Schechter & Banfield LLP

Poesl Marine Corp. Port Ship Service Inc. Prudential Group Insurance Quadient Leasing USA Inc. ReadyRefresh

Royal Oaks Country Club Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP

Sir Speedy Inc. Sivori, William Smc Aviation Inc. South Brooklyn Marine

South Brooklyn Marine Terminal St. Petersburg, City of (FL) Staten Island Homeport

Tolls by Mail

**Total Quality Logistics LLC** Total Technology Solutions Ltd.

Tsakos, Theofanis

Valero Marketing & Supply Co. Violations Processing Center Wheatley Hills Golf Club Inc.

Xerox Corp. Zuclich, Robert

### **Professionals**

Stroock, Stroock & Lavan Lowenstein Sandler

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King & Jurgens

Milbank

Chalos & Co, P.C.

ECM Maritime Services, LLC

Adams & Reese LLP Bland & Partners PLLC

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Cain & Skarnulis PLLC

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Frilot LLC **Fulbright Tower** Hofmann & Schweitzer Jones Walker LLP Julian & Seele PC Kennedy Lillis Schmidt & English Kilmer Crosby & Quadros PLLC Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP Liskow & Lewis Mclauchlan Law Group LLC, The Meyner & Landis LLP Nicoletti Hornig & Sweeney Schouest Bamdas Soshea & Benmaier PLLC Simms Showers LLP Staines Eppling & Kenney LLC Tabak Mellusi & Shisha LLP Vaughn & Ramsey PLLC Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein LLP Winstead PC

#### Landlords

Northeastern Air Management Corp.

## **Utilities**

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